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Gene C. Hunt )  
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Art Unit: 1744 )  
For: WINDOW BLIND CLEANING )  
APPARATUS )  
Confirmation No.: 7219 )

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B. The inventor, Gene C. Hunt, paid the issue fee in this patent application with his personal check (the first payment),

which was received by the USPTO on January 25, 2007, as shown in the attached Exhibit 2.

C. However, the undersigned was unaware of this payment by the inventor, and the undersigned sent payment for the issue fee in the form of a check number 26058 (Exhibit 4) issued by Cook, Alex, McFarron, Manzo, Cummings & Mehler, Ltd. (the second payment) with the Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85 (Exhibit 3) on March 20, 2007.

D. The Transaction History (Exhibit 1) shows that this second Cook Alex payment was received by the USPTO on March 23, 2007.

E. A cancelled copy of the Cook Alex check number 26058 (the second payment) is attached as Exhibit 4.

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If any questions remain, please call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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| 03-27-2007 | Recordation of Patent Grant Mailed              |
| 03-23-2007 | Issue Fee Payment Received                      |
| 03-07-2007 | Issue Notification Mailed                       |
| 03-27-2007 | Patent Issue Date Used in PTA Calculation       |
| 02-22-2007 | Dispatch to FDC                                 |
| 02-22-2007 | Application Is Considered Ready for Issue       |
| 01-25-2007 | Issue Fee Payment Verified                      |
| 01-25-2007 | Issue Fee Payment Received                      |
| 12-29-2006 | Mail Notice of Allowance                        |
| 12-21-2006 | Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed |
| 12-20-2006 | Examiner Interview Summary Record (PTOL - 413)  |
| 12-04-2006 | Date Forwarded to Examiner                      |
| 11-27-2006 | Response after Non-Final Action                 |
| 10-03-2006 | Mail Non-Final Rejection                        |
| 09-29-2006 | Non-Final Rejection                             |
| 05-17-2004 | Information Disclosure Statement considered     |
| 05-17-2004 | Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed    |
| 05-17-2004 | Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed    |
| 07-06-2004 | IFW TSS Processing by Tech Center Complete      |
| 07-06-2004 | Reference capture on IDS                        |
| 06-15-2004 | Case Docketed to Examiner In GAU                |
| 05-14-2004 | Application Return from OIPE                    |
| 05-14-2004 | Application Is Now Complete                     |
| 02-20-2004 | PGPubs nonPub Request                           |
| 05-14-2004 | Pre-Exam Office Action Withdrawn                |
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| 03-25-2004 | Cleared by OIPE CSR                             |
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TITLE OF INVENTION: WINDOW BLIND CLEANING APPARATUS

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Title: Window Blind  
Cleaning Apparatus

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